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1. The 1950 steel production in the Russian Zone of Germany was far from satisfactory. Economic plans called for a production of 1,500,000 tons of various types of steel while Russian Zone steel mills actually produced 1,170,000 tons only, barely 75 per cent of requirements. Some of the steel produced was not usable as the quality was often far below expectations. Fifty per cent of the October 1950 production of Maxhuetten, for instance, was classified as waste (Ausschuss).

2. The following production is reported for the various steel plants in 1950:

VEB Stahlwerke Biesa	270,000 tons per annum
VEB Untertwollenborn (Maxhuetten)	240,000 " " "
SAG Huettenwerke Thale	114,000 " " "
VEB Stahlwerke Hennigsdorf	180,000 " " "
SAG Krupp-Gruson Magdeburg	120,000 " " "
SAG Krauthaus, Chemnitz Sa.	72,000 " " "
SAG Silbitz (Elster)	72,000 " " "
VEB Stahlwerke Greditz	48,000 " " "
VEB Stahlwerke Freital-Boehlen	24,000 " " "

Total 1,170,000 " " "

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